

REMARKS

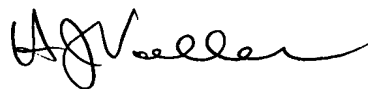
Claims 13-18 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 17 and 18 are added. Support for the new claims can be found at least in the original claims and in the specification at page 7, lines 3-7. No new matter is added. In view of the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiner Shewareged in the telephone interview held October 3, 2003 are appreciated. The reasons presented in the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 13-18 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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